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Walled City With Gates Suggested to L.A. Council

Medieval, walled cities to keep Los Angeles residents out of adjacent communities was suggested this week to the Angel City's Councilman, Ed Davenport, as a mocking counter-proposal to his suggestion that a one per cent tax be levied on persons working within Los Angeles but living in surrounding areas.

In a letter to the Council, Mrs. W. E. Jones of Alhambra said:

"Davenport's proposal is so undemocratic that in order to make it uniform all people who live in our city and the others surrounding Los Angeles should likewise band together.

"Must we set up gates at the entrances to our cities and require a fee from all non-residents crossing over to our territory and using our streets, our lights, and our water?"

CHURCH SIGNS

Permission to post directional signs at three locations in the city has been granted to the First Evangelical church by the Torrance City Council.

BOBBY SOX

By Marty Links



"Think I'll be a model—that is if the fabulously, wealthy husband I get won't object!"

Mushroom-Growing One of City's Lesser-Known Light Enterprises

In Torrance, the city of industries, variety of enterprises is the rule and not the exception. One of the city's "light" industries, however, is carried on in dark, air-tight box cars—the growing of mushrooms on a commercial scale.

J. J. Millard, Torrance's mushroom-grower, has built up his one-man industry alone over a period of years.

Caves on what is now an aster farm at 3701 Sepulveda boulevard, first attracted Millard's attention in the thirties. High humidity and a virtually air-tight area are essential for the successful growing of mushrooms and the old caves seemed ideal for this purpose.

In these caves Millard built up his original business. Then came a recession. Another fungi mold, developed and found his mushrooms delicious too.

Unable to check its spread among his specially developed mushrooms he was forced to abandon the caves and to seek a new location.

Today Millard carries on his mushroom-growing at 23162 Hawthorne avenue in air-tight buildings above the ground. Several old railroad box cars have been one of the best solutions to his building problem. He has sealed them by suiting on the outside and making their doors air-proof. These mushroom "hatcheries" are entered by Millard only during the calm periods of the day, usually early in the morning or in the evening. He then removes the mushrooms that are old enough to market and places them in his refrigerator.

Spawn for the mushrooms is special. It is obtained from Pennsylvania and shipped here in milk bottles. Millard explained.

The spawn is grown in wheat straw, with a layer of special adobe clay on top. Looking like little matchheads, the new mushrooms poke through the adobe and then 10 to 12 days later they are

ready to be picked and become a gourmet's specialty.

Mrs. Millard shares her husband's enthusiasm for these delicious mushrooms, which are large and firm, and suitable for using in a variety of dishes.

She emphasizes that they should not be peeled, but washed thoroughly. One of the most simple and satisfactory ways to serve them, she says, is to cut them up in rather large pieces and fry them quickly, not longer than four minutes, in piping hot butter or cooking oil.

Await Decision on Postoffice

Decision is expected shortly from Washington on the recommendation of the Postal Inspector McKean, to erect a post office, extending west as far as Hawthorne boulevard, all within the city limits of Torrance. It was brought to a head by the petition after several property owners almost lost their property through failure to receive their tax bills.

More than 200 petitioners in the South Torrance area petitioned the Torrance post office this spring to have their mail delivered to them through the Torrance post office instead of through the Lomita post office.

The area affected lies between Sepulveda boulevard and 240th street, extending west as far as Hawthorne boulevard, all within the city limits of Torrance. It was brought to a head by the petition after several property owners almost lost their property through failure to receive their tax bills.

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New College at Riverside Gets Initial \$50,000

Funds have been made available for the initial work in planning a new college of liberal arts on the Riverside campus of the University of California, in connection with its Citrus Experiment Station there.

Word has been received by Dean C. B. Hutchison, dean of the College of Agriculture, that \$50,000 has been approved by the State Public Works Board for preliminary plans for the new college, and an additional \$50,000 for expansion of the heating plant and utilities distribution system.

One million dollars was provided by the Legislature and Governor Earl Warren for the preliminary work in establishing colleges of liberal arts in connection with the College of Agriculture, both at Riverside and at Davis.

This money will be used in campus planning and in the development of buildings to be erected under the program to be adopted. This action of the Public Works Board is the first to make part of these funds available.

LOCAL AIRLINE PILOT TELLS OF FLOOD AREA

"The buildings in Vanport, lifted off their foundations and now settling in muddy water, look like discarded orange crates in a pond." That's the air picture of the Vanport tragedy glimpsed by a local airline pilot on his regular run over the devastated northern flood area.

W. M. Carlton, Western Air Lines pilot who has flown the Los Angeles-Seattle run during the time that the rampaging flood waters have inundated Vanport and surrounding areas of Portland, resides in Seaside Ranchos. He gives the following pilot's eye-view of the great devastation:

"Brown, dirty water, with debris, logs, doors, sheds, anything that floats—has flooded both sides of the river for a mile, two miles, some places three or four miles, especially at Portland where the Willamette river flows into the Columbia.

"The shipyards at Vancouver are under water, along with many other industrial plants in that area. Only the top half of the factory buildings show above the water's surface.

"Houses in the Vanport area are at odd angles and bunched grotesquely together. The flooded area in Vanport alone would cover a good part of the city of Torrance," Carlton estimates.

"Each new break-through fills up and there seems to be just as much water in the river as before. The bridges appear to be taxed to the ut-

most to hold their positions. The water is dark-brown with silt and will leave huge deposits when it subsides."

Although most of the destruction has been near the Columbia river in the Vanport area, businesses along the Willamette river in the central Portland business district also have been flooded out, Carlton observed.

Railroad Wins Safety Award

Presentation of the National Safety Council's award for first place in the 1947 Safety Contest among the nation's largest railroads, was made recently in Chicago to George F. Ashby, president of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of The National Safety Council congratulated the Union Pacific for its high record in the fight against accidents, noting that in the past 21 years since these safety contests have been conducted, the Union Pacific has won nine first place awards, and has been very close to the top in all other years.

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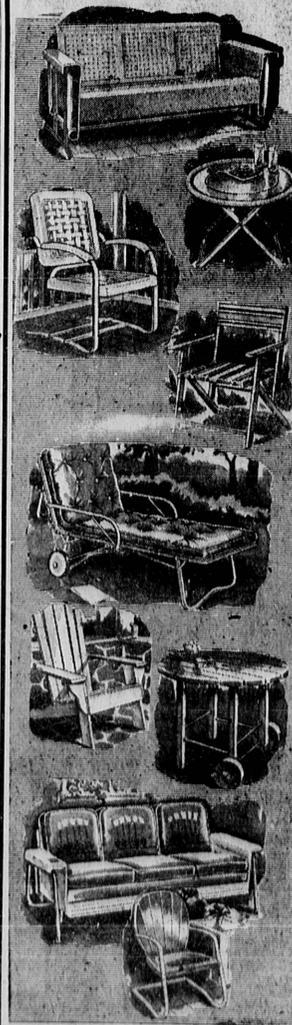
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